



Virginia,

In the Circuit Court of Lee County.

To the Hon. W. T. Miller, Judge of said Court:-

-----Humbly complaining your orator, W. M. Barnett, would respectfully shew unto your Honor that in the year ~~1890~~ 1891, he was married to one Cora Sprinkle, who is now his wife; he and the said Cora lived together about three months. Your orator provided for his said wife, did all in his power to make her happy, and was faithful to the vows of the hymenial altar, but his said wife, became unfaithful to your orator and abandoned him more than three years ago, since which time they have not lived together, and the said ~~Cora~~ Cora is now pregnant by some other man than your orator, without the connivance or consent of your orator. Your orator further charges that the said abandonment by the said ~~Cora~~ was without his connivance or consent, and that he has not cohabited with her since the act of ~~adultery~~ adultery and abandonment herein charged, and that he has been a citizen of said County and state for a period longer than two years.

Now, in so much, as your orator is without remedy at law and can not bear the idea of being married to an adulteress, he prays that the said Cora Barnett be made party defendant to this bill and required to answer the same, but not on ^{oath} ~~oath~~, that being waived, and that upon a hearing of this cause a decree be pronounced granting to your orator a divorce from the bonds of matrimony. May process issue, etc., directed, etc. And Your orator will ever pray, etc.

Orr & Blankenship P. Q.

W. M. Barnett.

vs } Bill - chy

Leora Barnett

O. & B.

W. M. Barnett

vs. } Bill — In Chg.

Cora Barnett.

Orr & Blankenship, P. D.

1897 1st Oct rules & pa presented

" 2nd Oct rules Cause set
for hearing.

November Term 1897

Decree final See

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Plffs Costs
Clerk 3.76
Lax 1.50
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W. M. Barnett, Plaintiff.

-----Against---(In Chancery. (Decree final.)

Cora Barnett; Defendant.

-----This cause, came on to be heard upon the bill of the ~~Plaintiff~~
Plaintiff, process duly executed on the Defendant, who has failed to
appear and answer, and the depositions of witnesses, and was argued by
counsel for the Plaintiff: On consideration whereof it is adjudged,
ordered and decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore contracted
and now ~~existing~~ existing between the Plaintiff and Defendant, be, and ~~h~~
the same are hereby dissolved and annulled, and a divorce a vinculo
matrimonii is granted both parties.

-----And the cause is stricken from the docket.

W. M. Barnett
vs { Decree Final
Cora Barnett

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Enter this decree
W M
Dec 5th 1897.

To Cora Barnett:

-----You will please take notice that I will take the depositions of Howard Barnett and others at the Law office of Orr & Blankenship in the town of Jonesville, Lee County, Virginia, on the 27th day of Oct. 1897, which depositions when taken are intended to be read as evidence on behalf of myself in a certain suit in Chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, wherein I am Plaintiff and you are Defendant, and if from any cause the said depositions are not taken or completed on that day the same will be continued from time to time and adjourned from place to place until the same are completed.

This Oct. the 20th 1897.

Yours Respectfully.

W. M. Barnett.

-----By Counsel.-----

Orr & Blankenship.

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W. W. Barnett

vs. } Notice to take
depositions.

Lara Barnett

Entered Oct 25

1897 By delivering

and attested to

Lara Barnett

E. S. Stapleton

for W. W. Weston

S. L. L.

The depositions of W. H. Barnett & C. F. Hughes, & W. M. Barnett, taken before me H. G. Joslyn a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of Lee, State of Virginia, pursuant to notice hereto annexed, at the Office of Orr & Blankenship in the town of Jousville, on the 27th day of October, 1897, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., to be read as evidence on behalf of W. M. Barnett in a certain ~~action~~ suit in Chancery depending in the circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia, wherein W. M. Barnett is plaintiff, and Cora Barnett is defendant.

Present: Wm A. Orr of Counsel for plaintiff

W. H. Barnett being duly sworn deposes and says:

I am about 40 years of age, and live near Admont R.O., in Lee County Va., and have lived in Lee County twelve years. I am well acquainted with both the Plaintiff and Defendant in this Cause. The Plaintiff is my son, and I have known the defendant Cora Barnett five years and may be a little longer. The Plaintiff has been a resident of Lee County about twelve years. The Plaintiff and defendant were married four years ago. They have been separated nearly the four years.

They only lived together about three months. They lived at my house while they were together. Near Adamant Lee Co Va. She has been accused of being a bad woman, but I know nothing about that. She lived in Lee County when this suit was brought, and is living in Lee County now. She is now living with Mrs Hughes. She is not living with her husband, and has not lived with him since she left him about 4 years ago.

Witness
Closing 1 day 50cts
Pd. by Ref.

And further this deponent with not.

W. H. ^{his} Barnett ^{mark}

Le. F. Hughes, another witness of lawful age, being duly sworn deposes as follows.

I am 27 years of age, and live in Lee County Va. I know both the Plaintiff and defendant in this suit. I have known Mr Barnett 10 or 12 years, and I have known Cora Barnett 5 or 6 years, may be longer. Mr Barnett is an industrious provident man. I saw them

married. They were married at my house, Lora Barnett the defendant is now living at my house, in Lee County Va. She has had a child since she has lived at my house. The child is about one or two months old. She and her husband have not lived together for about four years. She has been at my house since last July this time, and she lived at my house over before since she and Mr Barnett have been apart. I have heard talk that she was a bad woman, both these parties live in Lee County and have lived here during the last five years, except three or four months that Lora Barnett was in Tenn. that was about two years ago. Myself and my mother live together, and we had Lora Barnett hired to stay with us,

And further this deponent both not.

C. F. Hughes

witness
Claims 1 day 50 cts
Ed. by self.

W. M. Barnett, another witness of lawful age, being duly sworn deposes and says,

I am the Plaintiff in this Case,
 The charges in the bill are true,
 The Child that my wife, - Cora
 Barnett has given birth to, is
 not mine, and her adultery was
 not by my Consent, Connivance
 or Collusion, and was without
 my Knowledge, and I have not
 Co-habited with her since I
 have known of her adultery,
~~nor have I lived with her or cohabited with her since~~
~~she first left me~~ When we were married I had a
 horse and Cow, and I provided
 for my wife as well as I could,
 and always treated her kindly.
 And further this deponent doth not.

W. M. ^{his} Barnett
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Virginia, Lee County To-wit:

I, Henry C. Joslyn a Justice of the Peace
 for said County, do hereby Certify, that the
 foregoing depositions of W. H. Barnett, C. F.
 Hughes & W. M. Barnett, were duly Taken
 Sworn to and Subscribed, before me at
 the time and place mentioned in the
 Caption of the same, Given under
 my hand this Oct 27th 1897.

H. C. Joslyn J.P.

W. M. Barnett
 vs. 3 In Chcy
 Cora Barnett

The depositions
 of W. H. Barnett
 C. F. Hughes &
 W. M. Barnett.

Received from H.C.
 Joslyn the J.P. before
 whom taken & filed
 Oct 27th 1897

W. B. Murray Clerk

Certs
 J. P. Fee \$1.00
 2 witnesses \$1.00
 Paid by Ref.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee—Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

~~John H. Hays~~
C. H. Hays

at our in Chcy office of our H Blankenship
to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the court-house thereof on the 27th
day of October 1897, to testify and the truth to say in behalf of the Plaintiff

in a certnin matter of controversy in our said Court, before the said Judge depending and undetermined between

W M Barnett Plaintiff, and

Lora Barnett Defendant.

And have then there this writ. Witnes, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house, the 23rd
day of Oct 1897, and in the 12^{2nd} year of the Commonwealth.

A copy--Teste:

A B Munsey Clerk.

in the town of Leesville Ga

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W M Barnett

Vs.

SUBPCENA
FOR
WITNESS.

Lora Barnett

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Circuit Court, the

of Oct 1897.

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for W. P. Weston
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By order of W. M. Mont

Southwest Virginian, {
Jonesville, Va. }

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee Greeting:

We command you to summon Lora Barnett

to appear at the Clerk's office of our Circuit Court of the County of Lee at the court-house thereof, at the
Rules to be holden for said court, on the 1st Monday in October, 1897, to answer
a bill in Chancery, exhibited against her in our court by

M. M. Barnett

And have then there this writ.

Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said court, at the court-house, the 6th day of

September 1897, and in the 12th year of the Commonwealth.

A. B. Munsey Clerk.

A copy—Teste:

Clerk.

W M Barnett

vs. { SUBPENA
IN CHANCERY.

Leora Barnett

Ort & B P. Q.

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CIRCUIT COURT

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for W. P. Weston

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